

# Mississippi River Research Consortium Student Travel Scholarship

## Background

The Mississippi River Research Consortium (MRRC) is a private, non-profit organization supported by its members and by cooperating agencies, institutions, and corporations. Membership is open to all interested parties. MRRC members are scientists, river managers, teachers, students, and individuals from government agencies, academia, private business and the general public who want to encourage both pure and applied research on the water and land resources of the Mississippi River and its watershed.

This document outlines eligibility, award, application, and selection details for the MRRC Student Travel Scholarship Program. This scholarship is awarded annually to 3 students, permitting them to attend and present original research at the annual MRRC conference, held in April of each year. This year's conference will be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin at the Radisson Hotel on April 12-13, 2007.

Additional conference information and prior conference proceedings can be found at the following World Wide Web address: <http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/mrrc.html>

## Eligibility

Students in their junior or senior year of their undergraduate program, as well as graduate students, are eligible to compete for a MRRC Student Travel Scholarship. To be eligible for the award, prospective candidates must prepare and present a platform presentation containing original research.

## Award

Each successful candidate will be provided a \$200 scholarship to defray travel and lodging expenses. Additionally, successful candidates will have membership dues waived in the year of their successful candidacy and will become full-ranking members of the MRRC.

## Application

Prospective scholarship candidates should follow the instructions below for applying for the scholarship:

- 1) Complete the attached form;
- 2) Prepare an abstract for your presentation;
- 3) Submit your scholarship application and abstract following Call for Papers guidelines (First call November 1, 2006 – **deadline for submissions January 19, 2007**). Details concerning the Call for Proposals and additional Student Travel Scholarship application forms are available electronically at the MRRC web site (<http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/mrrc.html>).

## Selection

The MRRC Executive Governing Committee will make scholarship selections from among all candidates. Criteria for selection will include past academic performance, originality and strength of the research to be presented, and candidate statements concerning their experience, career goals, and professional interests. All candidates will be notified by February 1, 2007 on the final status of their application.

**Application deadline: January 19, 2007**

*Address any questions to MRRC Vice-president and Program Chair, Brian S. Ickes, (608) 781-6298 or [bickes@usgs.gov](mailto:bickes@usgs.gov)*

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*(Please fill in all blanks completely)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Adviser: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (Cumulative): \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (Major): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Class (circle):          Junior          Senior          Graduate

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Describe your work experience in the natural, physical, economic, or social sciences, focusing on its relevancy to large river management and science (please begin with your most recent employment and include volunteer work – attach additional pages if necessary):

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Nature of position \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe in a short paragraph why you are a good candidate for this scholarship. Include a statement of your career goals, leadership experience, and any other considerations you feel would help the selection committee. Please limit your response to one page – attach an additional page if necessary.

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**Application deadline: 19 January 2007**

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